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U.S. Patent No. 6,156,642, Wu et al., issued December 5, 2000
U.S. Patent No. 6,168,726, Li et al., issued January 2, 2000

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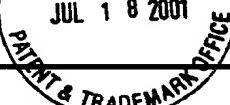
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